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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated March 15, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a second copy of the Rule 63 Declaration, the first copy of which was originally filed with the application on November 24, 2003. The second copy more clearly shows the signature of the second inventor. As both copies of the Declaration are copies from the parent application 10/098,568, filed March 18, 2002, we submit that the fee for late filing of the Declaration is not required.

The Commissioner; however, is hereby authorized to charge fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed to Deposit Account No. 15-0030, if a fee is deemed necessary. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I declare: that I verily believe myself to be the original, first and sole (if only one individual inventor is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one individual inventor is listed below) of the invention in

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was filed on <u>March 18, 2002</u> as United States Application or PCT International Application No. 10/098,568 and was amended on ______ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate; or 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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